

REMARKS

This Amendment is in response to the Notice of Non-compliant Amendment mailed on May 9, 2006. The amendments presented in the Preliminary Amendments of December 5, 2000 and October 26, 2005 are resubmitted herein for consideration. Claims 1-20 are pending. Claims 1-14 have been amended herein, and claims 15-20 are newly added. It is submitted that no new matter has been added. Entry and consideration of the amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested

The specification has been amended to claim priority of international application PCT/FI99/00458, filed May 27 1999 and Finnish Patent Application FI 981286, filed June 5, 1998 in conformance with the application's new status as an application filed under 35 U.S.C. 111(a) as a result of the DECISION of the Office of Patent Cooperation Treaty Legal Administration, issued on or about September 20, 2005. A certified copy of Finnish Patent Application FI 981286 was previously submitted on October 21, 2005. No new matter has been added.

Since priority was previously submitted within the time period set forth in 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the information concerning the benefit claim was recognized by the Patent Office as shown by its inclusion in the filing receipt, a petition under 37 CFR 1.78(a) and the related fee are believed to be unnecessary pursuant to MPEP 201.11.

In the event that any other fees are required for the entry of this Response to Non-compliant Amendment, the Patent and Trademark Office is specifically authorized to charge such fee to Deposit Account No. 23-2820 in the name of Wolf, Block, Schorr & Solis-Cohen LLP.

Respectfully submitted,
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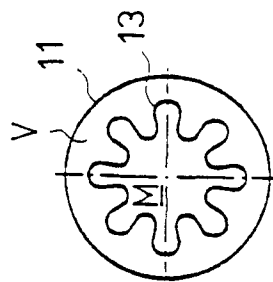
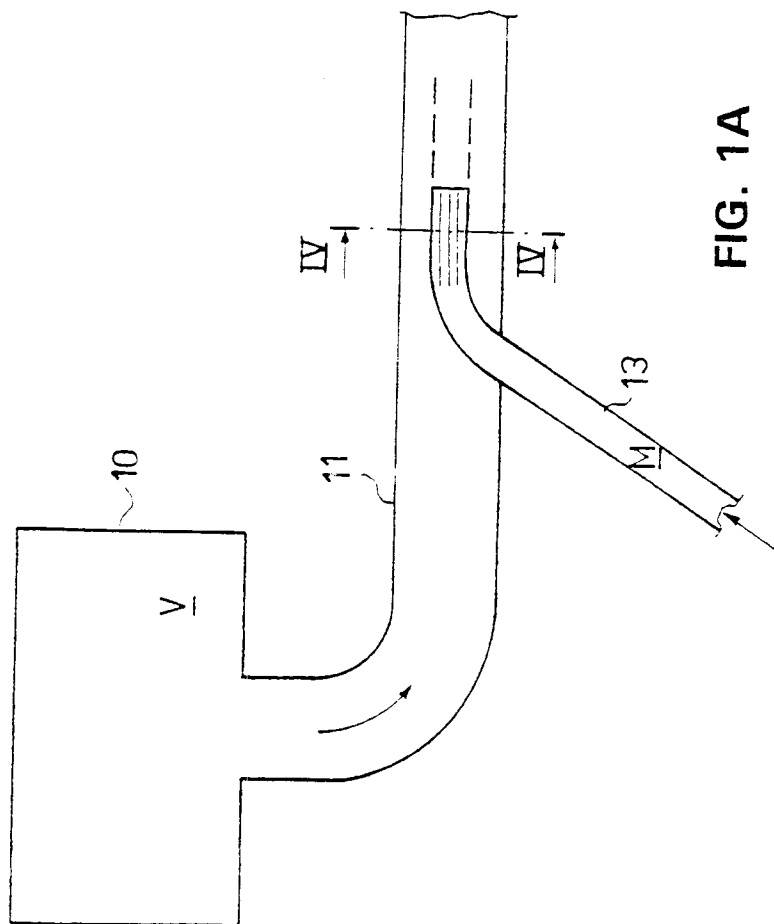


FIG. 1B

**Notice of Non-Compliant
Amendment (37 CFR 1.121)**

Application No.

Examiner

Applicant(s)

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The amendment document filed on 10-26-05 is considered non-compliant because it has failed to meet the requirements of 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4. In order for the amendment document to be compliant, correction of the following item(s) is required.

THE FOLLOWING MARKED (X) ITEM(S) CAUSE THE AMENDMENT DOCUMENT TO BE NON-COMPLIANT:

- ☒ 1. Amendments to the specification:
- ☐ A. Amended paragraph(s) do not include markings.
 - ☐ B. New paragraph(s) should not be underlined.
 - ☒ C. Other EACH SECTION OF AN AMENDMENT MUST BEGIN ON A PAGE BY ITSELF (SPEC, CLAIMS, ABSTRACT, ETC)
- ☐ 2. Abstract:
- ☐ A. Not presented on a separate sheet. 37 CFR 1.72.
 - ☐ B. Other _____
- ☐ 3. Amendments to the drawings:
- ☐ A. The drawings are not properly identified in the top margin as "Replacement Sheet," "New Sheet," or "Annotated Sheet" as required by 37 CFR 1.121(d).
 - ☐ B. The practice of submitting proposed drawing correction has been eliminated. Replacement drawings showing amended figures, without markings, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 are required.
 - ☐ C. Other _____
- ☒ 4. Amendments to the claims:
- ☐ A. A complete listing of all of the claims is not present.
 - ☐ B. The listing of claims does not include the text of all pending claims (including withdrawn claims)
 - ☒ C. Each claim has not been provided with the proper status identifier, and as such, the individual status of each claim cannot be identified. Note: the status of every claim must be indicated after its claim number by using one of the following status identifiers: (Original), (Currently amended), (Canceled), (Previously presented), (New), (Not entered), (Withdrawn) and (Withdrawn-currently amended).
 - ☐ D. The claims of this amendment paper have not been presented in ascending numerical order.
 - ☒ E. Other: Must show text of claim and what is being deleted and added
- ☐ 5. The amendment is unsigned or not signed in accordance with 37 CFR 1.4.

For further explanation of the amendment format required by 37 CFR 1.121, see MPEP § 714 and the USPTO website at <http://www.uspto.gov/web/offices/pac/dapp/opla/preognotice/officeflyer.pdf>.

TIME PERIODS FOR FILING A REPLY TO THIS NOTICE:

1. Applicant is given **no new time period** if the non-compliant amendment is an after-final amendment or an amendment filed after allowance. If applicant wishes to resubmit the non-compliant after-final amendment with corrections, the **entire corrected amendment** must be resubmitted within the time period set forth in the final Office action.
2. Applicant is given **one month**, or thirty (30) days, whichever is longer, from the mail date of this notice to supply the **corrected section** of the non-compliant amendment in compliance with 37 CFR 1.121 or 1.4, if the non-compliant amendment is one of the following: a preliminary amendment, a non-final amendment (including a submission for a request for continued examination (RCE) under 37 CFR 1.114), a supplemental amendment filed within a suspension period under 37 CFR 1.103(a) or (c), and an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Extensions of time are available under 37 CFR 1.136(a) only if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action.

Failure to timely respond to this notice will result in:

Abandonment of the application if the non-compliant amendment is a non-final amendment or an amendment filed in response to a *Quayle* action; or

Non-entry of the amendment if the non-compliant amendment is a preliminary amendment or supplemental amendment.

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